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Letters

refreshing change from the *Star Wars* school of robots and laser battles. It's an important step for science fiction films because it shifts the focus away from special effects and onto real humans trying to cope with human perversity in outer space.

Varney pities Sean Connery for being in *Outland*, as if he's above this type of film. But Io's maverick marshal is exactly the type of role that Connery excells in. His career is full of no-nonsense heroes, and there's no reason to believe that he would have it otherwise. Audiences seem to love Connery running around with a gun in his hands and nobility in his heart.

At the conclusion of her review of *Outland*, Varney says Connery "deserves better. It's just Hunt [Hyams] who doesn't." Just what does that mean? Hyams doesn't deserve to make better movies? He should make worse movies?

The *Weekly*'s readers deserve better reviews. It's just Varney who doesn't.

—Richard Watrous

Not Drunk

Dear Editor:

Re Don Waller's glib, tip-of-the-iceberg, skimmed-over account of the L.A. punk street rock scene (whatever it was called): hey, watch your language, Waller.

How dare you refer to me as the "Besotted Brain?" Me, drunk at the Masque? Never! Before, during or after. Everybody who was there will testify I was an accolade to sobriety during my working time . . . 20 hours a day. Check with Top Jimmy or Claude Bessy or Bruce Barf.

Also, did you *have* to make everything sound as boring and inconsequential as it probably actually was, yawn. Our lives are myth and semi-fiction anyway, and the old printed word medium is supposed to give you a teensy-weensy "license" to use your imagination.

Waller, yer brain is beliteraried in journalese.

I forgot what I was going to say, yawn. . .

—Brendan Mullen

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